

Amendments to the Claims:

A clean version of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3). This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A communications system comprising a primary station and at least one secondary station, wherein the primary station has means for broadcasting a series of inquiry messages, each in the form of a plurality of predetermined data fields arranged according to a first communications protocol, and means for adding to an inquiry message prior to transmission an additional data field for polling at least one secondary station, and wherein the ~~or each~~ at least one polled secondary station has means for determining when an additional data field has been added to the plurality of data fields, for determining whether it has been polled from the additional data field and for responding to a poll when it has data for transmission to the primary station.

2. (Original) A primary station for use in a communications system comprising at least one secondary station, wherein means are provided for broadcasting a series of inquiry messages, each in the form of a plurality of predetermined data fields arranged according to a first communications protocol, and for adding to each inquiry message prior to transmission an additional data field for polling at least one secondary station.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~The primary station as claimed in~~ of claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein means are provided for adding the additional data field at the end of a respective inquiry message.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The primary station ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 2, characterised in that wherein means are provided for including an indication in one of the predetermined data fields, the indication denoting the presence of the additional data field.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The primary station ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 2, characterised in that wherein the first communications protocol comprises Bluetooth messaging.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The primary station ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 2, characterised in that wherein the additional data field comprises at least 64 bits of data.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The primary station ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 2, characterised in that wherein first radio means are provided for broadcasting substantially continuously inquiry messages having the additional data field and second radio means are provided for handling other aspects of communication links with secondary stations.

8. (Original) A secondary station for use in a communications system comprising a primary station, wherein means are provided for receiving an inquiry message broadcast by the primary station, the message being in the form of a plurality of predetermined data fields arranged according to a first communications protocol and having added to it an additional data field for polling at least one secondary station, and wherein means are provided for determining when an additional data field has been added to the plurality of data fields, for determining whether it has been polled from the additional data field and for responding to a poll when it has data for transmission to the primary station.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A-The secondary station as claimed in of claim 8,~~
~~characterised in that wherein~~ the first communications protocol comprises Bluetooth
messaging.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A-The secondary station as claimed in of claim 8,~~
~~characterised in that wherein~~ means are provided for responding to a poll after a
predetermined interval has passed without transmission of data, whether or not the
secondary station has data for transmission.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a communication system
comprising a primary station and at least one secondary station, the method
comprising the primary station broadcasting a series of inquiry messages, each in
the form of a plurality of predetermined data fields arranged according to a first
communications protocol, and adding to an inquiry message prior to transmission an
additional data field for polling at least one secondary station, and further comprising
the ~~or each~~ at least one polled secondary station determining when an additional
data field has been added to the plurality of data fields, determining whether it has
been polled from the additional data field and responding to a poll when it has data
for transmission to the primary station.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A-The method as claimed in of claim 11,~~
~~characterised in that wherein~~ not all inquiry messages have an additional data field
for polling a secondary station added to them.